

North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning
Monday, September 8, 2014, 9:00 p.m.

Central Office

Minutes

Alicia Clapp, Wesley O'Brien and Melinda McKenna were in attendance. Patti White (K-12 Science Coordinator) joined us for the Biology textbook discussion.

- Mrs. McKenna provided the group with 2013-2014 assessment results (CMT, CAPT, AP & SAT).
- Class enrollment numbers were provided.
- New faculty information was given out and the group discussed positions that were filled over the summer.
- Mrs. McKenna shared Open Choice numbers and the group discussed the elementary transition for new students from New Haven. We are working with ACES to put structures in place to create smooth transitions for students.
- Mrs. McKenna shared an update provided by Mrs. Corriveau. Four district students are attending the Hamden Collaborative Learning Center (HCLC). Our students have made a smooth transition.
- Mrs. McKenna shared the list of assured Elementary Field Trips that was proposed by Jill Metz (K-12 Social Studies Coordinator) and Patti White (K-12 Science Coordinator). The group added on a spring trip to the Wallingford Voag Program as an option for kindergarten classes. The group discussed having a form for all field trips to come through C & I for approval (in and out of state). The group will determine if field trips above and beyond the assured trips are appropriate. The group discussed a field trip request to Beardsley Zoo, this field trip is being declined due to cost.
- Mrs. McKenna shared information about a Reading Survey for K-3 teachers that the CT State Department of Education is requiring all teachers who teach K-3 participate in. The district will work to provide support and time for teachers to take this survey.
- Mrs. McKenna shared handouts from the opening Professional Development day which focused on SEED. The group also discussed Teacher Rounds which we will be doing with year to give teachers an opportunity to learn from each other and to reflect on teaching and learning.
- Patti White joined the group to discuss a textbook proposal for a new Biology textbook. She recommended the book Exploring Life, Campbell. The groups spent time discussing the cost and the publishing date. The textbook was approved by the group.
- Mrs. McKenna spoke to the group about piloting a reading assessment (MAPS- Measure of Academic Progress) at the middle school level for students who are in the reading classes there. This would give us a way to track student progress and determine areas of reading weakness that instruction can be targeted for students.
- Mrs. McKenna shared that the district was awarded additional Perkins Grant funds to develop an Advanced Personal Finance course. Planning will be done this year and the course will be offered next year. The district has also been awarded coaching days from a grant written to the CSDE during the summer.